THE WHITE GYPSY.

A Tale of Mines and Miners,

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> [Copyright 1893 by the Author.] CHAPTER XIV. THE JEWELED BROOCH.

It was the week preceding Christmas, and the White Gipsy was residing with the Rev. Matthew Mallison and his sister at the Vicarage. Paul Meredith had gone away over a week ago. Sir Sydney and Lady Carsland had urged him to stay at the Hall until the Christmas and New Year's festivities were over, but the young man had insisted upon leaving at the time indicated, saying, in excuse of his departure, that his friends would be put to great inconvenience if he were not to join them as he had

So the lovers said good-bye to each So the lovers said good-bye to each with dim eyes, trembling hands, and fast throbbing hearts; and he turned his back upon Thorrell Moor, while Salome resolutely set her mind upon the work before her.

The girl's new home and surroundings were all that she could desire. She was well housed and sumptionsly fed.

was well housed and sumptuously fed, had as great a command of fine garments as if she had been born in the purple instead of having had to work so lately on the pit-top for her bread; and there was no reasonable craving Salome could not have gratified, for before going away Paul had placed in the Vicar's hands a large sum of money for his sweetheart's sole and absolute use.

Mr. Mallison's spinster-sister was a tall, angular, sweet-faced and kindly-souled woman of thirty-five, who took a great fancy to Salome from the moment they first met; and Margaret Mallison's kiss and warm wards of welcome was well housed and sumptuously fed.

ment they first met; and Margaret Mallison's kiss and warm wards of welcome put the girl at her ease the moment she entered her new home.

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Salome was very eager to begin the work of self improvement, but Miss Mallison insisted that no work should be undertaken until they had passed a be undertaken until they had passed a week together under the same roof. Her brother had supported her in that resolution, and so Salome settled down in her new quarters feeling that fate had been very kind indeed to her in placing her among such friends.

That first week at the vicarage was a really happy one for the White Gypsy. Day after day she and Miss Mallison made visits to Earlsford for the purpose of purchasing the thousand and one things Salome was supposed to need

one things Salome was supposed to need in her altered station of life. She smil-ingly protested that she did not require heaps of costly garments and articles of personal adornment which her com-panion ordered so lavishingly and re-gardless of expense, but Miss Mallison answered that it was Paul Meredith's desire, and so Salome resigned herself to the inevitable out-pouring of good things. to the

Ere her lover had been absent a fort-Ere her lover had been absent a lort-night, Salome had accustomed herself to her new surroundings, and was sedul-ously devoting a portion of each day to the lessons and studies Miss Mallison set before her. She was the most eager of pupils, and her quick intelligence enabled her to graps resulting and with of pupils, and her quick intensioned enabled her to grasp readily and with ease the various tasks she was called upon to master. So rapidly indeed did she assimilate knowledge of all kinds,

she assimilate knowledge of all kinds, that her informal governess predicted that in a year or so, if she pursued her studies with a like avidity she would become a highly accomplished—even a brilliant woman.

So things stood when one morning shortly before Christmas, Salome received a surprise in the shape of a small parcel. The girl was hard at work in a small, pretty furnished and bright looking room set apart for her bright looking room set apart for her and her tutor, and was struggling with when the servant tapped at the door and entered the moment afterwards, bearing in her hands the small parcel already mentioned. "It is for Miss Barringham," said the

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"It is for Miss Barringham," said the maid, as she placed the square parcel upon the table, and went away.

"A present, I suppose, Salome," Miss Mallison remarked. "Well, while you are opening it I will just run away, as I want to speak to my brother."

With that sheglided away, and Salome turned to the parcel. She lifted it first of all, and thought that it was rather heavy. What did it contain? Some fresh evidence, she felt sure, of Paul's strong affection. Then she glanced at the address, and saw her own name written in a thick, large, sprawling hand, totally unlike the heat writing of her lover. She next glanced at the postmark, and saw that it was Southampton, the port from which her sweetheart and his comrades were to set out on their voyage of adventure.

With Paul's name on her lips she cut the parcel open, and after removing the outer covering—a box of strong card-board—she came upon a pretty casket of rosewood with brass mountings. The casket was locked, but the key was attached thereto by means of a cork.

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A sheet of paper first met her eager gaze, and on lifting it a cry of astonishment left her lips. There before her lay a glittering heap of jewelry—rings, bracelets, brooches, and necklaces of rare stones set in solid gold, and worthy, the amazed lass thought, of decking the person of an empress.

She lifted the sparkling gems with one hand, while she grasped the sheet of note-paper with the other, and her heart went out to the lover who had left her to cross the sea. For a moment or two she forgot the note in her hand in the contemplation of her precious glifts, but suddenly remembering it she spread out the sheet and mastered its contents. This is what she read:

"Dear Salome:—When you read this I shall be crossing the sea. I send you these jewels as a slight token of the love I have for you. When you wear them you will sometimes think of one who would have laid down his life for your sake. Do not, I implore you, say who gave them to you. Good bye, dear salome, for ever.

"Yours faithfully,
"Huan Eastwood."

She gave a little gasp, and the note fluttered from her flagers. All along she had felt absolutely certain that the present was a gift from her absent lover, and now it turned out that the donor was in reality none other than the man whose overtures of affection she had refused to accept.

"Poor Hugh!" she murmured sympa-

thetically, and her eyes wandered from the flashing stones to the genmed ring the young pitman had placed upon her finger on the occasion of their last meeting opposite the White Crow.

How had Hugh come in possession of such expensive articles of jewelry she asked herself. Surely he could not have purchased them. She glanced afresh at the jeweled trinkets and then examined them again one after another.

They were not new, although in no sense the worse for wear, she could see. Then, in a sudden flash of recollection, she recalled to mind what Eastwood had said about some relatives having bequeathed to him a bortune; and no inconsiderable portion of the bequest was undoubtedly the jewels in the casket before her.

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Not a trifle disturbed by the reflec-Not a tribe distincted by the reliec-tion that flugh had impoverished him-self in order to confer a grand gift upon her, she selected a massive diamond and ruby broach from her collection, and pinned it in her dress at her throat.

Then she carried the remainder Then she carried the remainder to hemown private room, and placing the casket in the drawer of her dressingtable, locked it carefully. When she returned to the study she found Miss Mallison awaiting her.

"Well dear, what was it?" Miss Mallison asked with all a woman's eagerness and curiosity, and her gaze wandaring from the cupty boy to Salomy's dearing from the cupty boy to Salomy's

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face. "A few small things an old and very "A lew small things an old and very dear friend sent me, Miss Mallison," Salome answered quietly. "This," touching the jewel at her throat, "was among them."

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"How pretty! May I see it, Salome?"

"Certainly; here it is."

Miss Mallison took the jewelled article in her white tapering fingers and scanned it closely, now examining the richly chased, massy gold setting with a critical and appreciative eye, and then scanning the diamonds and rubies with the manner of a connoisseur.

"It is a very fine brooch, indeed, dear," she said presented, "and must have cost your friend a lot of money—some hundreds of pounds, I should think."

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"Not so much surely, Miss Mallison," the girl said with bated breath. The value of the trinket only served to make the gift all the more remarkable. "It must have—but there, dear, let me fasten it for you." She refustened the ornament at the blushing girl's throat, and added, "you ought to be thankful to the Almighty, Salome, that your beauty and your goodness have won for you such gifts."

The White Gipsy thanked her companion with a grateful look, but vouch-safed no reply. Miss Mallison was attisfied that the giver of the rare gift was her pupil's affianced husband, and Salome's silence respecting the donor only tended to confirm that belief.

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And on the day before Christmas Lady
Carsland and her daughter called at the
Vicarage. Her ladyship was shortly
about to give a party at the Hall, and
she explained to Miss Mallison that she
had dropped in as she was passing in
order to ask the Vicar, his sister, and
Miss Barringham to honor the gathering with their presence.

Of course Miss Mallison accepted the
invitation readily, and Salome, quite
won over by Lady Carsland's gracious
words and manner, in which there was
now not a trace of the condescension
the girl had been quick to note and object to when they met at the concert,
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ject to when they met at the concert, accepted only a trifle less heartly. Had Salome been in every respect the equal of Lady Carsland, her ladyship could not have been more amiable, and even her stately daughter was less cold and haughty than she formerly had been.

Salome had often wished lately to meet the ladies from Carsland Hall, and had expected when they did meet that she would be severely snubbed by both mother and daughter. She had, therefore, prepared herself for the ordeal when Lady Carsland and Cordelia were announced by the maid, and had made up her mind to meet their scornful coldness with weapons of a like kind.

But the unexpected change in their demeanor had thawed her immediately, and before the four ladies parted they were all chatting easily and frankly together, as if they were friends of considerable standing.

Still, all through the half-hour which the Carsland visit lasted, the girl felt that the eyes of both were upon her, and that they were asking themselves, "Who and what is this girl that Paul Meredith has selected out of the common herd of work a day people to be his wife?"

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But she bore herself bravely, and committed herself in no way; and handsome as were both mother and daughter, she felt that her own beauty lost nothing when placed in contrast with their own. She felt also that they had come there thinking to find her a shallow, empty-headed lass, with nothing to commend her to anyone save her comeliness; and to their surprise they found her almost as well-informed as either of them, and certainly as well spoken and fair mannered.

Before going away, Lady Carsland, with a great show of cordiality, asked salome to run over to the hall any afternoon when she had leisure, and the girl promised to do so, not that she intended either to avail herself of the invitation or desired to do so, but because she was not rude enough to refuse the order of friendship held out to her.

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Some afternoons later, as Salome was about to leave the vicarage for her usual walk, Miss Mallison put a question to her.

tion to her.
"Which way are you thinking of taking, Salome?" she asked, as she fastened the fair girl's sealskin coat at the

"I intended to walk through the wood and come back by way of Carsland Hall," the girl answered.
"Would you mind calling at the hall, dear?"
"You at all if you, wish me to do so.

"Not at all if you wish me to do so, I promised Lady Careland that I would call, as you know, but have not done so

yet."
"Then I shall be glad if you will do so, this afternoon, Salome. Her ladyship promised to send me soveral novels which she has read lately, but I suppose she must have have forgotten all about the matter. And that, dear, will supply you with an excellent excuse for calling."
"Just so," the White Gipsy responded, laughingly. "I am afraid I should not have ventured to call at the hall without an excuse of some kind."
"But you needed no excuse, dear, see-

"But you needed no excuse, dear, seeing that Lady Carsland was so pressing in her invitation for you to visit them

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whenever you cared to avail yourself of her kind offer."

"That is so, but I have sometimes wondered if her invitation was in reali-ty so very kind as it appeared," Salome rejoined, seriously.

"Hold, enough! Be off, and enjoy your walk. I won argue the point fur-ther; but be sure you call for the books."

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"I will not forget," was the girl's re-ply, as she walked away, with the quick, easy step and grace of some untamed animal.

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It was a fine afternoon. There was a glimmer of sunshine in the sir, although the wind bit keenly at the girl's cheeks, and the landscape was white everywhere with the touch of Jack Frost's fingers.

On gaining the high road, Salome went through the village in the direction of Marsh Green till she came to a stile, and then she struck through the rime covered fields, and was among the black denuded trees. During her walk she net occasionally a begrimed pitman coming from one or other of the Carstand collieries, and as she was known to many of the miners she was greeted by

land collieries, and as she was known to many of the miners she was greeted by most of those whom she met with a "Good afternoon, lass," voiced roughly, but most respectfully, and the girl was careful to respond as heartily.

It was not without some feelings of uneasiness that Salome went through the great gates and along the avenue towards the mansion. She had often looked upon Carsland Hall at times when she never dreamed that she would ever become either a friend or acquainever become either a friend or acquain-tance of its inmates, much less the be-trothed of Sir Sydney Carsland's ward,

tance of its inmates, much tess the betrothed of Sir Sydney Carsiand's ward, and in consequence her face was grave with thought when she ascended the broad steps of the stately house and timidly rang the bell.

Salome told the servant that she wished to see Lady Carsiand. She was asked for her name, and after giving it was shown into a waiting room. A few moments later her ladyship came sailing into the apartment, her handsome countenance beaming with smiles, and her whole bearing bespeaking the most frank and generous pleasure.

"What a delightful surprise this is, Miss Barringham!" she cried warmly, as he held out her white hand and clasped Salome's hesitating fingers. "I thought I must have oflended you in some way, and that you did not mean to accept my invitation. How are you, and how are your friends the Mallisons. Well, I hope, Miss Barringham?"

"Quite well, thank you, Lady Carsiand." Salome answered, keeping her

Well, I hope, Miss Barringham?"
"Quite well, thank you, Lady Carstand," Salome answered, keeping her self-possession more ensity than she had anticipated. "I was asked by Miss Mallison to call upon you with reference to some books—novels she said, I think—which you were kind enough to promise to let her have?"
"Oh, yes, I recellect now How strong."

promise to let her have?"
"Oh, yes, I recollectnow. How stupid
of me to forget the matter. I am honestly sorry for my nezligence, and hope
you will convey my regrets to Miss Mallians." lison."
"With pleasure, Lady Carsland. Miss

"With pleasure, Lady Carsland. Miss Mallison was sure that it had escaped your memory."

"It had quite. I will send the books on to the vicarage at once with a servant. The least I can do is to repair my oversight immediately." She rose to ring the bell, but her visitor arrested her hand by remarking,

"If you do not mind, Lady Carsland, I will take the books."

"Oh, no, I cannot permit you to fa-

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"Oh, no, I cannot permit you to fatigue yourself in that way, I will send the footman with them. Do you mind coming to my room for a few moments, Miss Barringham? I am quite alone this afternoon, as Sir Sydney and Cordelia are out driving."

Salomo nodded her dark head, and her ladyship led the girl up the broad imposing stairtase and along a corridor to a daintily furnished little sitting room. First pulling the silken bell-cord, Lady Carsland motioned her visitor to

room. First pulling the silken bell-cord, Lady Carsland motioned her visitor to a low easy chair, richly upholstered in the palest pink satin, and flung her graceful figure langorously into another chair on the other side of the fireplace, wherein a bright fire was burning, filling the room with a confortable warmth.

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"Gather up those volumes, Callan," Lady Carsland said to her maid, indicating as she spoke with a sweep of her hand some volumes scattered on her dressing table, "and tell James to take them immediately to Miss Mallison at the Vicarage,"

The maid gathered the volumes together with a whispered "Yes, your ladyship," and whon she had gone away Lady Carsland added:

"And now, my dear Miss Barringham, will you permit me to offer you a little refreshment. You must be fatigued with your long walk. Do not refuse, I beg. At least you will join me in taking a drop of wine and a biscult."

Salome was fain to accede to her hostess's pressing offers of hospitality, and in a short space they were sipping their wine and nibbling their biscuits, and chatting about the small matters in which ladies take an interest.

The White Gipsy had no reason to complain in any way of her reception at Lady Carsland's hands, still, despite her ladyship's great amiability, she would have preferred her visit to be a short one. But in the face of her hostess's manifest desire to keep her there, nothing short of rudeness would have enabled her to escape.

And so Salome and her ladyship sat there, passing from one topic to another with the agility of swift winged birds. Now and again the girl had falt that was being scanned very closely by her hostess, as if she were endeavoring to read her inmost soul.

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her visitor—was wondering what were her connections and antecedents, and was even then trying to formulate some scheme which would discover to her the girl's whole story.

Salome was seated with her face towards the window, so the full light fell on her comely face face, whereas, Lady Carsland's countenance was in the shadow. Suddenly, and just at the moment when the visitor was thinking of rising and taking her leave, her ladyship's attention was riveted on the jewelled ornament at Salome's threat. It was as much as the cold, calculating woman could do to repress the astonismment she felt, but she mastered it in a moment and rising said, coolly:

"What a magnificent brooch you have got, my dear Miss Barringham! And those stones are diamends and rubies of the first water, I am confident. May I look at it, dear, for a moment?

"Certainly, with pleasure," was Salome's ready reply, and in a moment she had unfastened the brooch and placed it in the other's hand.

"Thank you—excuse me a moment," and with that excuse her ladyship

placed it in the other's hand.

"Thank you—excuse me a moment," and with that excuse her ladyship walked away from the girl and stood beside the window. There she remained for a short time examining the trinket in the most searching way. That she saw something about the article of an extraordinary kind seemed evident from her drawn lips, ominously-flashing eyes, and dilated nostrils.

But all traces of excitement had fled from her face when she walked back to Salome's side, saying—

from nor lace when she walked back to Salome's side, saying—
"It is very beautiful, indeed, and must be very valuable. I daresay it was a gift?"
"It was."
"From Paul Meredith, I daresay?"
"Oh, no; not from Paul, but from an

old and dear friend," was the girl's

old and dear friend," was the girl's ready and unsuspecting answer.
"I never saw a design I liked more," Lady Carsland went on, "and I must have one made like it. You will not think me presumptaous, Miss Barringham, if I ask you to permit me to show this brooch to my jeweler, so that he may obtain one exactly similar for my-self?"

"I will leave it with pleasure, Lady

"I will leave it with pleasure, Lady Carsland."

Carsland."

"Thank you very much. I will let you have it back in a few days. And in the meantime I will lend you one of my own in exchange. Exchange is no robbery you know," and her ladyship's face wreathed itself in smiles as she crossed the room again and took from her jewel case a brooch even of greater value than the oneshe had in her hands. This she fastened with her own hands at the girl's neck, and shortly afterat the girl's neck, and shortly after-wards Salome went away.

When the girl departed, Lady Cars-

and went to the window and watched the White Gypsy's slender figure pass quickly along the avenue. Then she dropped again into her chair with the dropped again into her chair with the brooch lying in her open palm and a strange, puzzled look upon her face. She was sitting there still attempting to grapple the problem which confronted her, when her maid re-entered the apartment to say that Sir Sydney and Miss Carsland had returned.

"Will you tell Sir Sydney that I desire to see him at once, Callan?"

"Here, your ladyship?"

"Yes, here!" she rejoined, quickly, her voice sounding harsh and strained now.

The servant disappeared, and pres-

ently the baroust entered the room.
"What is it, Adelaide?"
"Come in and shut the door," was her unceremonious command.
He closed the door and went towards

her, remarking, in his former insouclant manner:
"Well, now, what is it, my dear?"
"Do not dear me!" she blazed forth,

"Do not dear me!" she blazed forth, her pear-up excitement and anger finding a sudden vent, as she jumped to a standing position and faced him.

"What's the row now?" he cried, taken quite aback by his irate spouse's manner and words.

"I will tell you. I want you to tell me, Sir Sydney Carsland, what became of the jewels your father promised to give me on the day I married your brother?" —

"How should I know?" he asked, with

"How should I know?" he asked, with faltering tongue and blanching face.
"How should you know!" she ejaculated in a sneering tone. "Who should know it you should not?"
"I don't understand you, Adelaide."
"You will very soon then. Do you think because I married you and have kept the secret all these years, that I did not know who was the thief who robbed his father's safe and pillered the jewels that formerly belonged to his mother. You stole them, I know that. What became of them?
"I do not know,"

"I do not know,"
"Do you recognize this?" and she
thrust the diamond and ruby brooch

into his trembling hand,
"I do not know it."
"You ought to, then, for it once be

longed to your mother, and should have belonged to me."
"Where did it come from?"
"Half-an-hour ago I found the White Gipsy wearing it."
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